

conclusion of this Congress, but today I rise to pay tribute to a member of my staff, Sylvia Snyder, who will also be retiring from service in this House.

Sylvia was born in Grenada, Mississippi but moved to Canton, Ohio, when she was 10. She attended school in Canton and graduated from Timken High School. After raising her family Sylvia went back to school and obtained an associate degree in applied business with an executive secretarial major from Stark State College of Technology, one of our outstanding institutions in Stark County.

It was on completion of her degree at Stark State that I interviewed Sylvia for the scheduler position in my office. I had contacted the school to let them know I was interested in interviewing their students for this position and told them I wanted the best they had. Sylvia became my scheduler in June 1980, and over these more than 28 years, she has indeed proven to be one of the best. I know that my colleagues will agree that one of the most challenging and stressful positions on Capitol Hill is that of scheduler, and with her terrific organizational skills and professional demeanor, Sylvia excelled at this position. During my tenure as chairman of two different Appropriations Subcommittees, the number of requests that Sylvia received for meetings with me would have nearly overwhelmed most people, but Sylvia methodically and efficiently organized and scheduled them in order for us to carry out our mission of constituent service every day.

On behalf of our entire staff, I would like to thank Sylvia for her service to Ohio's 16th Congressional District and to this House and wish her much health and happiness in her retirement. I know that she is very much looking forward to traveling and also taking in the wonderful cultural resources in our Nation's Capital. We wish her all the best.

REMEMBERING THOSE LOST AND HURT IN THE TERRORIST ATTACKS IN MUMBAI

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, in response to the unspeakably terrible acts of murder perpetrated on innocent people by a handful of vicious, hate-filled fanatics in Mumbai, the Asian American Commission of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts convened a candlelight vigil on December 4 at 6 p.m. in Boston and provided an opportunity for people of good will to express their horror at these terrible events and their determination to work together to prevent them from happening again.

The Commission composed a moving, eloquent statement in response to these terrible acts and because its message is so necessary at this time, I ask that it be printed here.

A CANDLELIGHT VIGIL—REMEMBERING FRIENDS, FAMILY AND ALL THOSE LOST AND HURT IN THE TERRORIST ATTACKS IN MUMBAI, INDIA NOVEMBER 26–29, 2008

The Asian American Commission of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts invites Americans of all faiths to join in a Candlelight Vigil on December 4, 6 p.m. at City Hall Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts.

We are saddened by the loss of so many in Mumbai, India this past week because of the actions of a few terrorists. We offer our deepest condolences to their families and pray for the speedy recovery of those who were hurt. We applaud the heroic actions of the police, firefighters, armed forces and the staff of the hotels, restaurants, train stations and hospitals and all concerned citizens who helped to stop the terrorists and rescue and guide people to safety.

In this global village, like the United States, India is a democracy with rights for every man, woman and child, regardless of religious or ethnic origin; a secular country with tolerance for many faiths; and a strong tradition of cooperation among its many ethnic, religious, and linguistic communities. India also serves as a positive influence for many people here and in countries around the world through its strong traditions, contributions to culture, political leadership, trade and world economic development.

As the world's largest democracy, India's represents a religious cross-section of Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Jews, Buddhists and people of every faith that have traditionally lived in harmony. Unfortunately, there are a few who seek to sow divisions and cause harm to its people, its economy, to all those who visit or wish to do business with India. We believe that terrorism affects us all and we must all unite and act to defeat this common enemy.

As Asians and Americans we are all part of a global village and strongly condemn these heinous acts. No matter where terror raises its ugly head, it impacts all the citizens of the world. We believe that by coming together as a community to show support to the bereaved and by fostering greater bonds between all peoples and faiths here at home and across the globe that we will be able to stop such hate.

HONORING BRIAN LLOYD OTTE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brian Lloyd Otte of Liberty, Missouri. Brian is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brian has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Brian has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Brian Lloyd Otte for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN MEMORY OF DR. CHARLES LEA

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it is with grief that I inform the House of the death of

Dr. Charles Lea, Lt. Col., United States Army (ret.) of Lexington, Missouri.

Dr. Lea was born and raised in Brunswick, Missouri, and graduated from Brookfield High School in 1952. Dr. Lea then spent a year at Rolla School of Mines before he entered West Point where he graduated in 1957. Upon graduation he spent 3½ years in Germany before taking paratrooper training at Fort Benning. Choosing to attend University of Missouri Medical School over Ivy League offers, he graduated in 1965 to intern at Fitzsimmons in Denver, Colorado.

Following his education path, Dr. Lea went directly to Vietnam. Serving in the 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne, Dr. Lea was awarded several medals and citations, including: Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, Soldier's Medal, four Air Medals, Army Commendation Medal, Viet Cross of Gallantry, Combat Medical Badge, and Parachute Badge.

After his service in Vietnam, Dr. Lea choose to become a general practice family physician in Oklahoma and Lafayette County, Missouri. Dr. Lea served as the chief of staff at Stillwater Regional Health Center, Stillwater, Oklahoma; Lafayette Regional Medical Center, Lexington, Missouri; and I-70 Medical Center, Sweet Springs, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Lea was a respected father, physician, and soldier. I know the Members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his family: his wife, Kay Lea; his children, DeJean, George, Elisabeth, Darren, Nikki, and Scott; and his grandchildren, Jacqueline, William, Emily, Chelsea, Hunter, Gabriel, Elizabeth, Dylan, Maxwell, Regan, and Hayden.

HONORING CODY WILLIAM CASH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cody William Cash of Liberty, Missouri. Cody is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Cody has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Cody has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Cody William Cash for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MR. WALTER HOWARD MAYO, III

HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today so that my colleagues in the House of